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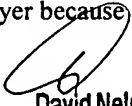
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It is respectfully pointed out that the Amendment filed 08 November 2006 is non-responsive. The amended claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are drawn to non-elected species. Applicant elected Species 1, drawn to Applicant's first embodiment, in the response filed 08 April 2005. The first embodiment does not have the newly added limitation of a first shielding layer that overlaps across the source electrode (drain electrode) of the thin film transistor (contrast first embodiment Figures 3A-4 from the second embodiment, non-elected species 2, Figure 5). Please note that the first embodiment has a first shielding layer that overlaps across an extension of the data line, not the source electrode. Specification page 6 (pages are not numbered) includes "For each of the TFTs 38a and 38b, the drain electrode D is electrically connected to the pixel electrode 36, and the source electrode S is electrically connected to an extension portion of the data line 34a."

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Since this application has been granted special status under the accelerated examination program, NO extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted.

The objective of the accelerated examination program is to complete the examination of an application within twelve months from the filing date of the application. Any reply must be filed electronically via EFS-Web so that the papers will be expeditiously processed and considered. If the reply is not filed electronically via EFS-Web, the final disposition of the application may occur later than twelve months from the filing of the application.

Please note: Applicant's newly added amendment also adds two species of TFT position in the alternative. Applicant must amend in such a way as to result in claims that read exclusively on elected species 1, embodiment 1. Claims drawn to alternate species will not be examined because they read on non-elected species, e.g., claim 30. Also, Applicant's first embodiment allows for the shielding layers to be floating (not connected to the gate line) or not floating (electrically connected to the gate line). Please do not claim an electrically connected shielding layer as a "floating" shielding layer because it would be repugnant to terminology in the art.


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